

DAVISON APPEALS FOR BIG ROLL CALL

Head of Red Cross War Council Sends Stirring Message to the Public.

VAST PROBLEMS ARE AHEAD

Sees No Necessity for Further Campaigns for Funds if People Respond Properly to Christmas Drive.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the Red Cross, today issued to the 3,854 chapters and the 22,000,000 members the following statement outlining the future policy of the American Red Cross:

"The whole American people will be invited in the week preceding Christmas to enroll as members of the Red Cross. It is confidently believed there need be no further campaigns for Red Cross funds, but instead the annual roll call will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross. The people should therefore know as definitely as possible the plans of this, their national humanitarian society.

"Since the armistice was signed I have had an opportunity to confer in Paris with the heads of all American Red Cross commissions in Europe, and later in Washington with the president of the United States, the war council of the Red Cross, the managers of the fourteen Red Cross divisions of the United States, and with the heads of our department at national headquarters. I am, therefore, able to speak now with knowledge and assurance in saying that the beneficent work of the American Red Cross is to go forward on a great scale—not alone, as heretofore, for purposes of relief of war, but as an agency of peace and permanent human service.

"Since America's entry into the war the purpose of our Red Cross has been primarily to aid our army and navy in the care of our men under arms, and, secondly, to extend relief to the soldiers, sailors and civilians of those nations which were fighting our battles along with their own. With the funds which have been so generously contributed by the American people this war work of the Red Cross will continue and be completed with all possible sympathy and energy.

Wherever our soldiers and sailors may be the Red Cross will stay with them until they are demobilized. Nothing which we may do will be left undone, either for the men in the war zone, for those returning, for those in the camps and hospitals or for their families at home, to whom will continue to be devoted the ministrations of the Red Cross home service. In this latter effort 50,000 trained Red Cross workers are now engaged at 2,500 different places throughout the land.

"The problems of reconstruction, involving feeding and caring for the distressed civilian populations of Europe, are of such magnitude that necessarily they must be met very largely by the governments of our allies, with whom our own government will co-operate.

"The great tasks of fighting tuberculosis, promoting child welfare, and caring for refugees, with which the American Red Cross has concerned itself so effectively in France, Italy and Belgium, will at an early date be assumed by the governments, the Red Cross organizations, and the relief societies of those countries, which, now that they are released from the terrible burden of waging war, naturally desire to take care, as far as they can, of their own people.

"The war problem of the American Red Cross will thus steadily and rapidly merge itself into a peace program. The wake of the war will, however, reveal the prevalence of disease, and give rise to epidemics and emergencies which in all parts of the world will call for unlimited voluntary effort, the cutting of red tape and manifestation of those qualities of human sympathy which government action cannot display. Here will be the opportunity for the American Red Cross. But even our Red Cross must not act and cannot act most effectively alone; we must labor in co-operation with the National Red Cross and relief societies of other nations, to the end that not alone the heart of America but the

heart of all mankind may be mobilized on behalf of suffering humanity.

"While, therefore, the plans of the American Red Cross in this direction cannot be formulated specifically, in advance of the general relief program of the allied governments, the American Red Cross is nevertheless planning to develop its permanent organization in this country upon a scale never before contemplated in time of peace. The commissions which are now conducting the activities of the American Red Cross in foreign countries, as well as the temporary war organization in this country, will as a matter of course ultimately merge their energies with those of the permanent organization of the Red Cross.

"With the war has developed the striking and important fact that many men and women, some of whom had with great success devoted their lives entirely to business, came into the Red Cross organization at the outset of the war simply that they might serve their country, but have realized such a satisfaction to themselves in the opportunity to serve mankind that they now desire to become a part of the permanent peace organization of the American Red Cross.

"There may be, therefore, perfect confidence that the peace activities of the Red Cross will be conducted under able and inspiring leadership. The chapters will maintain their organizations upon a scale adequate to the new demands to be made upon them. Local committees will indeed appreciate more and more the value of having in their midst strong and efficient Red Cross chapters. The divisional organizations, with honorary and permanent staffs, will be maintained—always ready for service; and national headquarters will have a large and efficient personnel to direct the activities of the organization as a whole.

"Study is being given by the national organization not alone to problems of international relief, but to plans in this country for enlarged home service, the promotion of public health education, development of nursing, the care and prevention of accidents, and other correlated lines, which may contribute to the health and happiness of men, women and children. Such plans when developed will, it is believed, provide both for world relief and for home community service, and thus constitute a channel for the continued and useful expression by Red Cross workers and members of those qualities of sympathy and love which our whole people have poured out so unstintingly during the war.

"For the completion of its war work and for the institution of its peace program, the Red Cross is fortunately in a healthy financial condition. Abundant occasion for the use of large funds of money and great quantities of garments and other supplies will continue to arise, but it is believed that there will be no further need for intensive campaigns for funds. The work of supplementing governmental activities, which the Red Cross will be called upon to do in all parts of the world, will be upon a great scale, but it will call for human service rather than for large expenditures.

"What the American Red Cross needs now is not so much contributions of money, as the continued devotion and loyalty of its members. This is peculiarly true at this moment of transition from war to peace. Annual membership involves the payment of only one dollar. The money thus received not only defrays all the administrative expenses of the organization, but leaves a substantial balance, which, together with all funds subscribed directly for relief, are devoted solely to that purpose. The roll call of the nation is thus to be called at Christmas time, that through enrollment in their Red Cross the American people may send a message to our soldiers still overseas and to the peoples of the world that we are not merely content with seeing our arms united with our allies in victory, but that our abiding purpose is that the love, the sympathy and the intelligence of all America shall be rededicated to the permanent service of mankind."

RED CROSS WELFARE WORKERS LOOK AFTER SOLDIERS' KIN

From Red Cross home service workers with the army abroad, twenty or more inquiries after the welfare of soldiers' families reach Washington every day by cable, and a hundred more come in the daily mail to national headquarters.

If conditions are such that a satisfactory answer cannot be sent the Red Cross home service committee makes them as near right as possible, and then sends its reassurance of further help and watchfulness.

WHEAT SHOWED SPIRIT OF U. S.

Sacrifice to Ensure Allied Loaf Greatest Single Food Achievement.

SUFFICIENT SUPPLY NOW.

All the Nations Will Be Able to Return to Their Normal Supply of White Bread.

Overshadowing all other accomplishments of the American people under the leadership of Food Administration is the history of wheat exports in the past sixteen months. Our wheat export program proved conclusively to the world that America was in this war from start to finish and willing to make any sacrifice that will hasten victory or maintain the health and strength of people overseas, upon whom rested the heaviest weight of our war.

Now that pressure on ocean tonnage is eased by the stopping of large movements of troops to Europe, we may relax our efforts to save wheat. The accumulated surplus in Australia, Argentina and other hitherto inaccessible markets will become available, and probably no more than our normal surplus will have to leave this country. We in America and the nations which have won the world for freedom will be enabled to eat their normal wheat loaf at the common table of the peoples of democracy.

We entered the past crop year with a wheat supply which gave us only 20,000,000 bushels available for export. When the crop year ended, we had sent 141,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe. The American people had saved out of their normal consumption 121,000,000 bushels.

A survey of export figures shows that the conservation of flour brought about by the wheatless meals, wheatless days, substitution in our kitchens and bakeries, enabled us to send to our armies and the allies 33,000,000 barrels of white flour—wheat figured as flour. Had we exported only our visible surplus, we would have been able to ship less than 4,500,000 barrels.

Before the 1st of December our surplus had gone overseas, and an additional 33,000,000 bushels had been taken from the stock reserved for home consumption and added to the surplus already shipped to the allies. It seemed hardly possible that we could bring our total exports above 100,000,000 bushels by July 1. But in January the late Lord Rhonda, then British Food Controller, called that unless we could send an additional 75,000,000 bushels he could not take responsibility for assuring his people that they would be fed. The American people responded by sending 85,000,000 bushels of wheat, saved from their home consumption, between the first of the year and the advent of the new crop.

By October 10, 1918, we had already shipped 65,900,305 bushels since July 1. Absolutely the only limitation upon our wheat exports since the latest harvest has been the scarcity of ocean tonnage. If exports continue at the present rate, by July 1 of next year we will have sent more than 237,500,000 bushels to Europe.

Thus are we making good America's pledge that the bread rations of Allied Europe shall be maintained.

A Memorable Achievement of the Titanic Struggle

America saved and sent to Europe in a year of crop failure 141,000,000 bushels of wheat, which saved Europe.

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 * A GERMAN HOPE DISPROVED *
 * A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED *
 * A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany *
 * shows that even in the enemy country clear thinking students did not undervalue the strength of the American republic. Only in his confidence that we could not land in Europe sufficient troops to affect the final decision was this German mistaken. *
 * "I do not fear the American soldiers," he told a high official of our government, "because they cannot arrive in time. What I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, now so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom." *
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Save food

Who shares
in the struggle
Will share
in the triumph

AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AND GL-L-LORIOUS FEELIN'?

- WHEN ALL YOU NEED TO JOIN THE RED CROSS IS "A HEART AND A DOLLAR" AND YOU CAN WEAR THE BUTTON ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CROWD—OH-H-H BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-IOUS FEELIN'?

BRIGGS

By courtesy of Clare Briggs, New York Tribune

RED CROSS TO AID STRICKEN WORLD

Public Is Asked to Enroll in Work Made Necessary by Peace.

TO CONTINUE TO "STAND BY"

Answer to Christmas Roll Call! All That Anybody Needs to Join Up Now Is a Heart and a Dollar.

The Christmas roll call of the American Red Cross has a message to carry to all the people. And the response to this message should be universal; it should come from every man, woman and child in the country. All that is needed is a heart and a dollar.

The war has left a world filled with ruin. Peace must restore, rebuild, reconstruct, recreate what war has destroyed. More than that, for hundreds of millions of human beings, rescued from social slavery and political bondage, there must be revealed new ideals, efficient methods, sufficient organization.

As the army and navy were the will of the nation mobilized for victory in war, so is the Red Cross the soul of the nation mobilized for service in peace.

Even after the formal terms of peace are signed it will take months, even years, for our present work to be completed. The sober task of withdrawal cannot keep pace with the tense strain of the accomplishment when first we rushed our mighty army across the water to save the liberty of the world. We have two and a quarter millions of men overseas, flung there with undreamed of speed. It will take three times as long to bring them back. So long as one regiment remains, the Red Cross, as always, WILL STAND BY.

All over our land there are soldiers' homes in need of information, of counsel, of sympathy and comfort. Until the boys come home, until all these families are reunited, the Red Cross, as usual, WILL STAND BY.

On a hundred hard-fought fields there are heroes' graves to be identified, marked and honored—and here at home are thousands of hearts to be comforted by the knowledge of where their loved ones are sleeping. So long as sorrow comes into these homes, the Red Cross, as ever, WILL STAND BY.

But now the world is calling us to an even greater task. Belgium, northern France, Serbia,

Rumania, Montenegro, Armenia, Syria, and Palestine have been laid waste—ravished, robbed, depopulated. The flaming tempest of war has left them in ruins. The natural resources have been exhausted and destroyed. Cities, villages and homes are rubbish heaps. The very soil has been torn into sterility. The machinery of life has been shattered and disorganized. The people themselves have been herded like cattle and driven into servitude or exile.

In Russia conditions are beyond description. To war and its ravages have been added the terrors of revolution, anarchy and brigandage. The country is a wallow of dishonesty and licensed brutality. In spite of anything and everything the allied nations can do in the way of relief, millions of human beings will starve to death in Russia the coming winter.

Conditions are almost as bad in Armenia, Syria and Serbia.

To the need of the peoples and nations rescued from military bondage by the allied victory must now be added the need of the people of the central empires, impoverished by the terrible demands of war.

"Woe to the conquered!"

Yes; but the very spirit that sent America into the war forbids that we disregard the suffering and dire distress of a conquered enemy.

We have suffered yet but little, while the rest of the world has hungered and thirsted, has bled and died.

Shall we not go on to the full measure of our great strength—shall we not meet the full demand of our moral obligation? So only can we meet the full measure of our ideal. So only can the world, groping for a symbol, realize the true meaning of democracy.

Here then are the things the Red Cross must do:

I. While our men are in service overseas it must stand in instant readiness, as the emergency reserve of the army and navy.

II. As our men come home, it must be ready to co-operate in every way in ministering to their necessity and comfort.

III. Both overseas and at home it must be ready for hospital service to the wounded and convalescent, and must carry on its reconstruction work among the permanently crippled and maimed.

IV. It must face the ever widening ministry to the families and friends of our soldiers and sailors, providing them with counsel, encouragement, protection and if need be, with material aid.

V. It must stand ever equipped for the sudden emergencies of pestilence, disaster, storm and calamity—and be ready as always for instant and efficient relief.

VI. It must carry on with increasing vigor and scientific determination

its fight against the ever-present scourge of tuberculosis.

VII. Above all, it must face the fact that America is the one of all the great nations of the earth that is practically untouched and unexhausted by the ravages of war. That with the end of the fighting there remains the vastest problem the world has ever faced—that of carrying humanity through the coming winter and spring and bringing it up to the relief of the harvests of 1919. There is not enough food in the world now to provide for normal consumption. With the best that can be accomplished by way of organization and administration, there will be widespread privation and suffering.

The war has left behind it a hideous legacy of want, suffering and distress. There is work to be done that calls for millions of consecrated hands and hearts.

The Red Cross therefore calls you to enlist for all this supreme service to humanity. Answer the Christmas roll call.

All that is needed is a heart and a dollar!

THE RED CROSS

By HENRY VAN DYKE.

Sign of the Love Divine
 That binds to bear the load
 Of all who suffer, all who bleed,
 Along life's thorny road.

Sign of the Holy Humane,
 That through the darkest fight
 Would bring to wounded friend and foe
 A ministry of light.

Oh dear and holy sign,
 Lead onward like a star!
 The armies of the just are thine,
 And all we have and are.

Some Red Cross Supplies.
 The American Red Cross has supplied our men with more than 15,000,000 cigarettes; 50,000 packs of cards; 20,000,000 boxes of safety matches; 1,000,000 bars of chocolate sent to England; 25,000,000 cigarettes a month sent to France; 15,000 automobiles since August 1 to France; 90,000 saws for use in lumber camps in Italy; 1,500,000 packages of chewing gum a month to France; 3,000 tons of condensed milk for the children of prisoners in Archangel, Siberia.

There are approximately 70,000 women in Red Cross canteen work in this country. They serve our soldiers at 681 canteens, at all hours of the day and night. During the year 1918 sick persons to the number of 5,000 were aided or removed from trains and taken to hospitals. A total of 3,000,000 postal cards were distributed.

THE GREAT CROSS OF MERCY

By THEODOSIA GARRISON.

Glorious with scars and rents the battle-banners rise,
 And the great flags of triumph are spreading to the skies;
 Our tears, our prayers, our praise for them, but when the last is said,
 Our hearts extol the banner that bears the Cross of Red.

The great Cross of Mercy that calls a world in pain
 To lift its soul to courage, to look on hope again—
 The signs of Love victorious that hate hath never slain.

Ask those who have awaited it upon the field of strife,
 Ask the stricken towns-folk it has given back to life,
 Ask the lips of childhood, the valiant hosts of dead,
 What this banner means to them that bears the Cross of Red.

The great Cross of Mercy—O, lift and keep it high;
 Send its flaming message to all humanity
 That pity is immortal and that Love shall never die.